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Resurfacing project starts Sunday on SH-53 near Rathdrum

RATHDRUM—Drivers can expect another work zone on [State Highway 53](#) west of Rathdrum as construction begins **Sunday, July 16**, to [resurface the highway](#).

Crews will work at night to repave SH-53 between [Bruss Road and Latah Street](#) for the next two months. The highway will be reduced to one lane at night with a pilot car to guide traffic. During the day, all lanes will be open.

“Unlike other projects we have underway right now, this project will only resurface the highway and only impact traffic at night,” [ITD](#) North Idaho Project Manager Joel Heston said. “At this time, we are not widening this section, though we hope to do it in the future.”

Other work zones are ongoing between Hauser Road and Bruss Road to add a center turn lane, as well as at Ramsey Road to install a permanent signal. Next month, another two-year project is expected to start within the city limits of Rathdrum to build a new center turn lane.

“We have a series of projects on SH-53 to improve safety by adding turn lanes,” Heston said. “And thanks to a \$36 million grant, we are now planning to start construction of a new interchange at Pleasant View Road years earlier than originally planned.”

For details on what’s included with each project, visit itdprojects.org/sh53corridor.

Travelers are reminded to check 511.idaho.gov for impacts to traffic from construction.

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